

Hon. Barbara J. Rothstein

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

MARILYN STARBUCK; Steven Shaw as
Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF
CHARLES STARBUCK, DO; ELIZABETH
MAPLE; and Steven Shaw as Personal
Representative of the ESTATE OF JOSEFA
STARBUCK,

Plaintiffs,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC. a
Washington public utility corporation;
BRADFORD WHITE CORPORATION, a
foreign corporation; HONEYWELL
INTERNATIONAL INC., a foreign
corporation; WASHINGTON ENERGY
SERVICES COMPANY, a Washington
corporation; LONGBOARD HOLDINGS
LIMITED, a Washington corporation, and
JOHN DOES 1-10,

Defendants.

No. 2:23-cv-01237-BJR

ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR STAY
OF INITIAL SCHEDULING DEADLINES

The parties have stipulated and moved the Court to suspend their initial disclosure and joint status report obligations under Federal Rule 26(f), asserting that given the pending motions to dismiss and to remand, “the Court should extend the deadlines.” Dkt. No. 25 at 2. A Court may extend initial deadlines upon a showing of “good cause for delay.” LCR 16(a);

1 *see also* Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(b). However, “[a] pending dispositive motion is not, as a general
2 matter, good cause for extending court deadlines.” *Taylor v. Metro. Dev. Council*, 2022 WL
3 3646787, at *1 (W.D. Wash. Aug. 24, 2022) (citing *Edmonds v. Amazon.com, Inc.*, 2020 WL
4 8996835, at *2 (W.D. Wash. Mar. 6, 2020) (treating a motion to stay initial case deadlines as
5 seeking, in effect, to stay the entire case and observing that a “pending motion to dismiss is
6 generally not grounds for staying discovery.”)). In this case, Plaintiffs claim in response to
7 Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss that the motion should be denied because, among other things,
8 “there are genuine issues of material fact to be decided by the trier of fact.” Pls.’ Opp. at 3.
9 Additionally, whether or not Plaintiffs’ Motion to Remand proves meritorious, requiring the
10 initial scheduling conference and the exchange of initial disclosures to proceed without delay
11 will serve the speedy resolution of this litigation. Accordingly, the Court denies the Motion for
12 an extension of initial scheduling dates.
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17 DATED this 25th day of September, 2023.

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